GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3340
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MALTREATMENT WITH LABOURERS BY RAILWAY POLICE COOLIES AND TOUTS
Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the maltreatment on a massive scale suffered by labourers from Bihar and Eastern States at Stations of Delhi and Punjab at the hands of Railway Police, Coolies and Touts in the shape of harassment without reason, snatching away of money, extorting money for providing them berths, thrashing them on refusing to part with their money;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years, till date and the action taken thereon;

(c) the measures taken / to be taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents;

(d) whether the Railways has constituted any task force to check such incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. No such incidents of harassment and maltreatment on a massive scale at Railway Stations of Delhi and Punjab were reported. However, on 18-8-2003, an incident of snatching of money and belongings from 13 bonafide passengers by train escort party of Government Railway Police (GRP) / Pathankot in a reserved compartment of Train No.3074 Himgiri Express between Mukeria and Uchabassi over Pathankotâ€"Jalandhar section of Northern Railway was reported. In this connection a case vide FIR No.99/2003 dated 18-8-2003 U/S 382/34 IPC was registered at Government Railway Police Station / Jalandhar against the Train Escort Party.

(c) The following preventive measures are taken to prevent such incidents:-

1. Regular coordination meetings are being held with the Government Railway Police at various levels whenever any lapse in duties leading to harassment to passengers is reported and corrective measures are discussed and implemented.

2. Regular and surprise checks are made at Railway Stations and in trains by the supervisors of the Government Railway Police and the Railways.

3. Any complaint of harassment to passengers as and when received, is taken up with the Government Railway Police authorities if Government Railway Police staff is alleged to be at fault.

5. To prevent seat cornering, rakes are brought in locked condition from the washing lines to the platforms.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.